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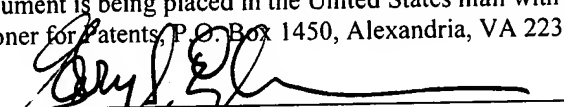
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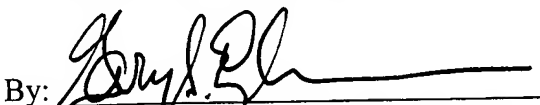
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 Form and References Cited
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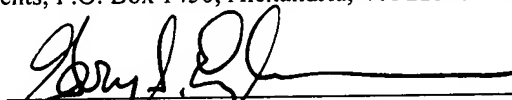
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending application that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
10/050,467	January 16, 2002	Gerard Cote

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from corresponding International Application, Serial No. PCT/CA 03/01173.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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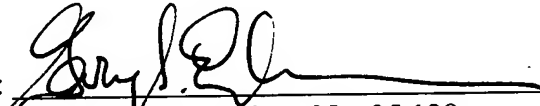
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

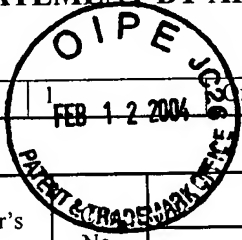
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
	A-1	3,587,840		Hultberg	06-28-1971
	A-2	3,693,784		Holmes	09-26-1972
	A-3	4,151,914		Blatt	05-01-1979
	A-4	4,160,533		Kotzur	07-10-1979
	A-5	4,373,687		Zicko	02-15-1983
	A-6	4,417,660		Mason	11-29-1983
	A-7	5,494,160		Gelmetti	02-27-1996
	A-8	5,704,479		Barnett et al.	01-06-1998
	A-9	6,328,238		Chism	12-11-2001
	A-10	6,341,691		Voss	01-29-2002

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